

Hemifacial spasm as an atypical presentation of idiopathic intracranial hypertension - A case report

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Abstract

Idiopathic intracranial hypertension (IIH) is a challenging disorder of intracranial hypertension in the absence of an intracranial mass, hydrocephalus, or other identifiable etiology with normal cerebrospinal fluid content. The manifestation of the disease varies from typical headache, transient visual obscuration to less common features as 6th nerve palsy and rarely facial palsy and hemifacial spasm. There are a few reports of hemifacial spasm as a manifestation of the IIH in the literature. Also, there is no report of IIH with only hemifacial spasm. Here in, we describe a 39 year old woman with refractory hemifacial spasm who was eventually diagnosed with IIH to highlight the importance of complete neurologic examination in all patients and an more exploratory view in approach to hemifacial spasm. © 2019 Lahore Medical And Dental College. All rights reserved.

keywords

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